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In re Application of :
ROMASCHIN et al :
Application No.: 10/614,678 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filing Date: July 7, 2003 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.55
Attorney Docket No.: 1148-1-002 CIPF :

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.55(c), filed April 30, 2007, for acceptance of an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) for benefit of the filing date of foreign Application No. CA 2,097,952, filed June 8, 1993.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The present nonprovisional application was filed after November 29, 2000, and did not include a reference to the foreign application, for which benefit is now sought, within the later of four months from the actual filing date of the application or sixteen months from the filing date of the prior foreign application. Therefore, since the claim for priority is submitted after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1)(i), this is an appropriate petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.55(c).

A petition under 37 CFR 1.55(c) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for priority requires:

- (1) the claim submitted with the petition must identify the prior foreign application for which priority is claimed, as well as any foreign application for the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed, by the application number, country, and the filing date and be included either in an oath or declaration (37 CFR 1.63(c)(2)) or in an Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76(b)(6);
- (2) the surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.55(a)(1) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.
(The Director may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.)

On April 30, 2007, an executed declaration was received which identifies the foreign application for which priority is claimed by application number, country, and filing date. The required surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t) was submitted on November 2, 2006. Lastly, the petition contains an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

A Corrected Filing Receipt which reflects the above-noted foreign priority application accompanies this decision.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1645 for continued examination in due course and for consideration by the examiner of record of the foreign priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Bryan Lin at (571) 272-3303.



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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt



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Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a CIP of 09/585,582 06/02/2000 ABN which is a CIP of 09/353,189 07/14/1999 PAT 6,306,614 and is a CIP of 09/457,465 12/08/1999 PAT 6,203,997 which is a CON of 08/991,230 12/16/1997 ABN which is a CIP of 08/552,145 11/02/1995 PAT 5,804,370 which is a CIP of 08/516,204 08/17/1995 ABN which is a CIP of 08/257,627 06/08/1994 ABN

Foreign Applications

CANADA 2097952 06/08/1993

If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted: 10/02/2003

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/614,678**

Projected Publication Date: Not Applicable

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

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